

Third Sunday of Easter



The way you see people is the way
you treat them, and the way you
treat them is what they become.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

 BrainyQuote®

May 1, 2022

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Love Your Neighbor

- Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Variations on This Joyful Eastertide


arr. Paul Bouman

Welcome




Hymn

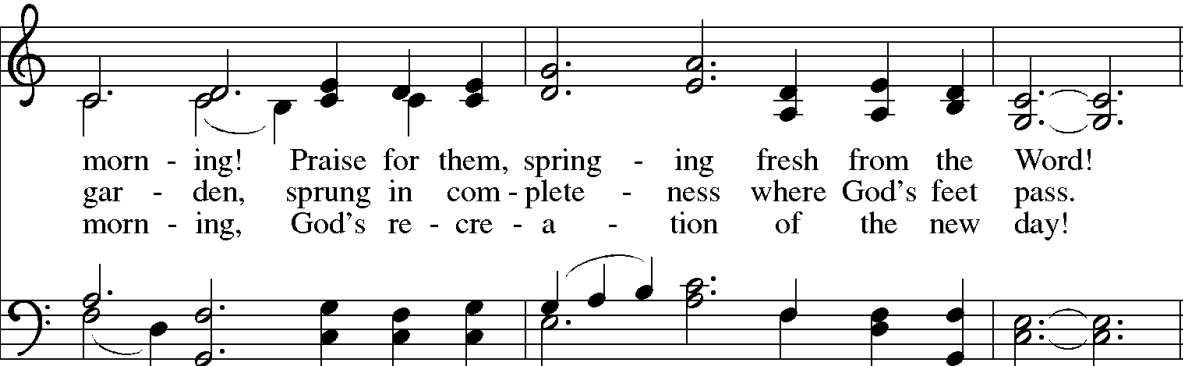
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
 the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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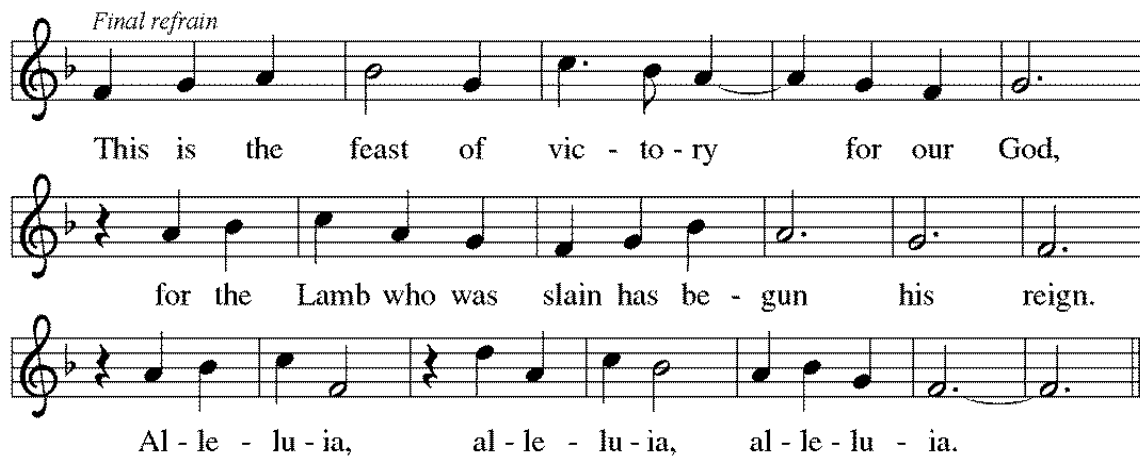
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Acts 9:1-21 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Saul was breathing down the necks of Jesus' disciples, out for the kill. He went to the Chief Priest and got arrest warrants to take to the meeting places in Damascus so that if he found anyone there belonging to the Way, whether men or women, he could arrest them and bring them to Jerusalem.

He set off. When he got to the outskirts of Damascus, he was suddenly dazed by a blinding flash of light. As he fell to the ground, he heard a voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you out to get me?"

He said, "Who are you, Master?"

"I am Jesus, the One you're hunting down. I want you to get up and enter the city. In the city you'll be told what to do next."

His companions stood there dumbstruck—they could hear the sound, but couldn't see anyone—while Saul, picking himself up off the ground, found himself stone-blind. They had to take him by the hand and lead him into Damascus. He continued blind for three days. He ate nothing, drank nothing.

There was a disciple in Damascus by the name of Ananias. The Master spoke to him in a vision: "Ananias."

"Yes, Master?" he answered.

"Get up and go over to Straight Avenue. Ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus. His name is Saul. He's there praying. He has just had a dream in which he saw a man named Ananias enter the house and lay hands on him so he could see again."

Ananias protested, "Master, you can't be serious. Everybody's talking about this man and the terrible things he's been doing, his reign of terror

against your people in Jerusalem! And now he's shown up here with papers from the Chief Priest that give him license to do the same to us." But the Master said, "Don't argue. Go! I have picked him as my personal representative to non-Jews and rulers and Jews. And now I'm about to show him what he's in for—the hard suffering that goes with this job." So Ananias went and found the house, placed his hands on blind Saul, and said, "Brother Saul, the Master sent me, the same Jesus you saw on your way here. He sent me so you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." No sooner were the words out of his mouth than something like scales fell from Saul's eyes—he could see again! He got to his feet, was baptized, and sat down with them to a hearty meal. Saul spent a few days getting acquainted with the Damascus disciples, but then went right to work, wasting no time, preaching in the meeting places that this Jesus was the Son of God. They were caught off guard by this and, not at all sure they could trust him, they kept saying, "Isn't this the man who wreaked havoc in Jerusalem among the believers? And didn't he come here to do the same thing—arrest us and drag us off to jail in Jerusalem for sentencing by the high priests?"

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

John 21:1-19 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[After Jesus had appeared to the disciples and talked with Thomas in the Upper Room], he appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed “Twin”), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, “I’m going fishing.”

The rest of them replied, “We’re going with you.” They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn’t recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: “Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?”

They answered, “No.”

He said, “Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens.”

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren’t strong enough to pull it in.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Master!”

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren’t far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn’t rip.

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep."

Then he said it a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go." He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

LIVING OUT OF OUR IMAGINATION, NOT OUR HISTORY



Musical Reflection

We Are Called

arr. Mark Hayes
Kathy Rapp, piano

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez,
Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and
Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's
brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller,
Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece
Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Chad Eberle's mother, Greg Williams, Sam Hudson,
nephew of Laura and Terry Warren being deployed to Poland, Kelley Frank
The people of Bethel Lutheran Church, Grove City; Redeemer community member
Sue Yehling

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Show gestures of peace.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

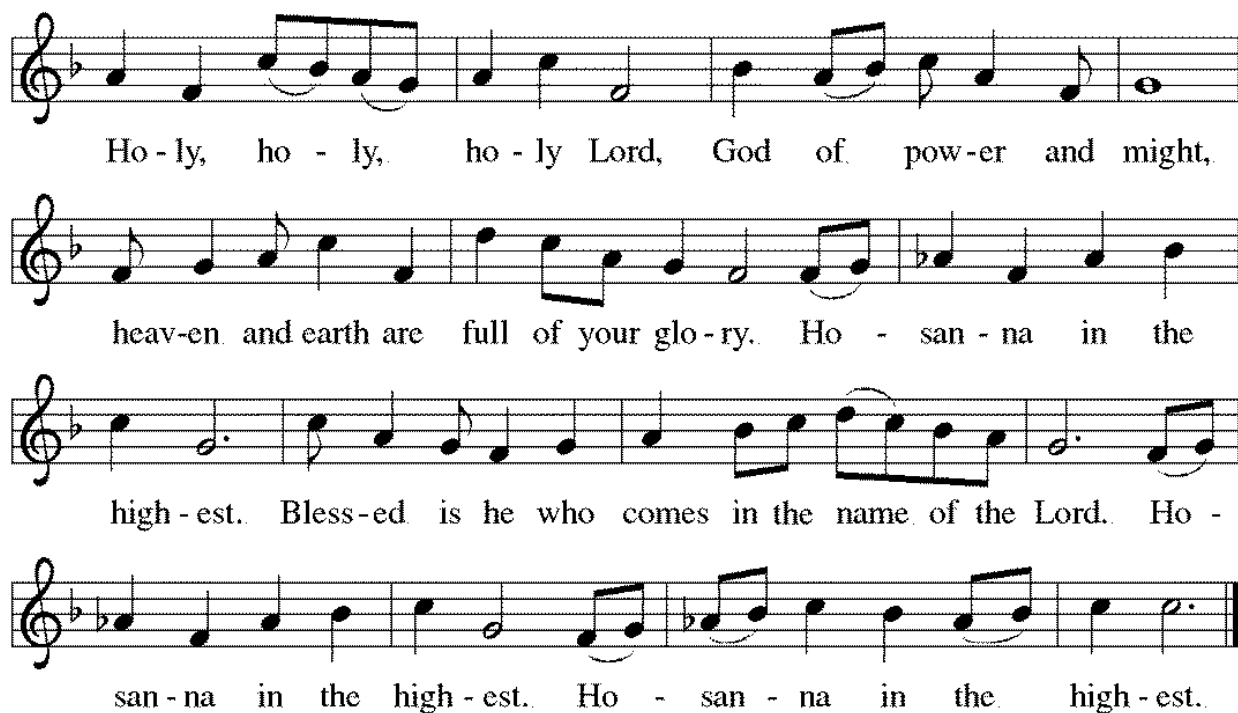
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

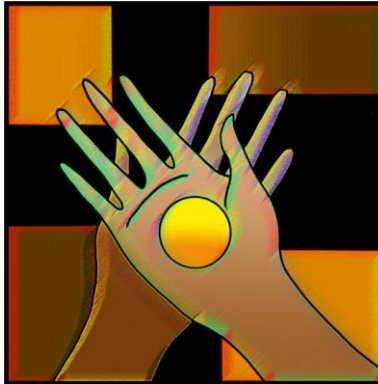
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

Sharing the Meal


The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. There are gluten-free wafers available. The trays have both clear grape juice and wine.




Hymn


Now We Join in Celebration




1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**



WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Victory, arr. Janet Linker

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Adult Education
11:15 am – 12:15 pm
In-Person and Zoom



Thinking on the Edge

Led by Dr. Don Luck

This week: What is prayer anyway?

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81411790303?pwd=cGNGMHo2K2d1WEIzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09>

Meeting ID: **814 1179 0303** = Passcode: **645662**

Phone only: **312-626-6799**



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, May 8 == 11:15 am



Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible study presents a series on encounters Jesus has with women in the Gospels.

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlhUT09>

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LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays

12:30-3:30 pm

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer*



Birthdays this week:

1 - Daniel Pawlowski

2 - Nicholas Amon

2 - Trevor Binau

2 - Jon Denniss

3 - Heidi Sherer

5 - Nancy Magargal

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Reader	Emily Ott
Cantor	Scott Steiner
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Misato In, Wendy Stoica
Producers	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimplitch

*Flowers are dedicated by **Bonnie Hegreness** in memory of **Paul**.
Noisy Offering will go to ReconcilingWorks.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 1 - 8

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 2
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	12:30-3 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team at Pastor's home
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON Education for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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